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JENNINGS RANDOLPH LAKE TO OPEN FOR SEASON

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers announces the opening of Jennings Randolph Lake for the 2005 recreation season. The Corps boat launch on the West Virginia shore will open Friday, April 1 at 7:30 a.m. The Corps boat launch is alongside Howell Run just off West Virginia State Route 46 three miles north of Elk Garden, W.Va.

An additional 90 acres of the lake will be opened to boaters and fishermen this year. The area immediately around the control tower as will the dam and dike area will remain restricted areas and are well posted with buoys. The Jennings Randolph Lake staff urges all visitors to be diligent when it comes to security and report any violations to a ranger. Security is everyone's concern.

The Corps boat launch will charge a \$3 fee for launching a boat. An annual pass that will allow an unlimited number of launches at all Corps parks is on sale for \$30 at the Corps park office. Golden Age Passports (senior citizen) cost \$10 and Golden Access Passports (physically challenged) are free. The passports will allow you to purchase the Corps annual pass for half price or pay \$1.50 per launch at the Corps boat launch only.

The boat launch on the Maryland shore managed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, or DNR, will open Monday, May 2 at 7:30 a.m. The Maryland launch is on Mt. Zion Road off Maryland State Route 135 near the salt shed on Backbone Mountain.

The Maryland service charge will be \$5 for launching a boat. The 2005 Maryland State Forest and Park Service All Season Pass can be purchased for \$75 for Maryland residents or for \$100 for out-of-state residents. The pass can be purchased at all Maryland State Parks. The pass offers: free day-use entry for everyone in the vehicle to Maryland's 47 state forests and parks, free boat launching at most facilities, and a 10 percent discount on state-operated concessions and boat rentals. For parks with honor box systems, the pass covers entry service charges.

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The Corps Annual pass and the Maryland All Season pass are valid at either ramp on Jennings Randolph Lake.

For more information call the Corps park office at 304/355-2346 or 301/359-3861 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. For information on the Maryland DNR boat launch, call the Herrington Manor/Swallow Falls State Parks at 301/334-9180 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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